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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT,PFOR, ED, SP, US

SUBJECT: EQUATORIAL GUINEA

REF: STATE 82853

1. FURTHER TO REPORTING BY INFO ADDRESSEES ON ANTI-MACIAS  
PLOTING BY REFUGEES FROM EQUATORIAL GUINEA, EMBASSY SUBMITS  
THE FOLLOWING.

2. A LOCAL AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN RECENTLY REPORTED TO THE  
EMBASSY THAT HE HAD WRITTEN A LETTER TO JAMES BURNS, FORMER  
MEMBER OF HOUSE MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, URGING HIM TO  
USE HIS INFLUENCE TO HAVE THE USG SUPPORT "DEMOCRATIC ELEMENTS"  
OPPOSED TO MACIAS' REGIME. HE WARNED TO PRESENCE OF  
SOVIETS AND CUBANS IN EG AND "ALERTED" BURNS TO THE STRATEGIC  
POSSIBILITIES OF A U.S. NAVAL BASE. BUSINESSMAN CLAIMED HE WAS  
IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH MANY EG REFUGEES IN SPAIN WHO WERE PLANNING  
A COUP TO OVERTHROW MACIAS. EMBOFF, DRAWING FROM  
INSTRUCTIONS IN REF, TOLD BUSINESSMAN THAT USG WOULD NOT

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BE INVOLVED IN ANY FASHION WITH PLOTING AND ALSO URGED

BUSINESSMAN NOT TO BECOME INVOLVED HIMSELF.

3. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH ANOTHER EMBOFF A LOCAL SPANISH BUSINESSMAN WITH CLAIMED CONTACTS IN EG SAID THAT SOME "SPANISH BUSINESS INTERESTS" WERE PLOTTING A COUP AGAINST MACIAS. THIS PLOT INVOLVED MACIAS' ONLY LIVING OPPONENT FOR THE PRESIDENCY (FNU ANDREAS), REPORTEDLY NOW IN SWITZERLAND. THESE LOCAL BUSINESSMEN, IN EXCHANGE FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF RESUMING NORMAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IN THE EG, HAVE BEEN TALKING OF HAVING MACIAS KILLED AND ALLOW ANDREAS TO TAKE CHARGE. THEY BELIEVE THAT WITH MACIAS OUT OF THE WAY THERE WOULD BE LITTLE OPPOSITION TO ANDREAS. EMBOFF ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT U.S. HAD NO REPEAT NO INTEREST IN ANYONE'S SCHEMES TO INTERVENE IN THE EG.

4. THE GOS IMPOSED BLACKOUT ON PRINTING EG NEWS IN THE SPANISH MEDIA REMAINS IN EFFECT, PRESUMABLY TO AVOID GIVING OFFENSE TO MACIAS, THOUGH WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT GOS IS ALSO AFRAID THAT SOME OF THE NEWS FROM EG WOULD INFLUENCE EG EXILES HERE.  
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